

OTPE COM 17 2004

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Britta DAUME

Serial No. 09/491,841 :

Filed: August 23, 1999

For: A DEVICE FOR CONTACTING IN

PARTICULAR ELONGATED

ILLUSTRATIVELY SUBSTANTIALLY CYLINDRICAL BODIES SUCH AS CABLES OR PIPES/TUBES

BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT

APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

## STATUS INQUIRY

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant filed a Request for an Oral Hearing on March 29, 2004 in connection with the above-identified application presently on appeal before the Board. A Communication was received from the Examiner mailed April 26, 2004 entering applicant's Reply Brief filed on March 29, 2004.

Applicant hereby requests an update regarding the status of this appeal and in particular, when applicant can expect to receive a notice of the hearing date.

Applicant also encloses a Change of Correspondence Address to be entered in connection with this application. Please

forward all correspondence in connection with this appeal to counsel's new law office address.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: Nov. 17, 2004

By: Michael M. Zadrozny

Attorney for Applicant

Reg. No. 30,985

SHLESINGER, ARKWRIGHT & GARVEY LLP 1420 King Street, Suite 600 Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (703) 684-5600 mr